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# S. 1487

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “ANCSA Kaktovik and  
5 Canyon Village Land Conveyance Settlement Act of  
6 2017”.

**7 SEC. 2. KAKTOVIK AND CANYON VILLAGE.**

8       (a) KAKTOVIK INUPIAT CORPORATION.—To maxi-  
9 mize Federal revenues by removing clouds on title to land

1 and clarifying land ownership patterns within the Coastal  
2 Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, notwithstanding  
3 standing section 1302(h)(2) of the Alaska National Inter-  
4 est Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3192(h)(2)), the  
5 Secretary shall convey—

6                 (1) to the Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation the  
7 surface estate of the land described in paragraph 1  
8 of Public Land Order 6959 (58 Fed. Reg. 14323),  
9 to the extent necessary to fulfill the entitlement of  
10 the Corporation under section 12 of the Alaska Na-  
11 tive Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1611) in ac-  
12 cordance with the terms and conditions of the  
13 Agreement between the Department of the Interior,  
14 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bu-  
15 reau of Land Management, and the Kaktovik  
16 Inupiat Corporation, effective January 22, 1993;  
17 and

18                 (2) to the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation  
19 the remaining subsurface estate to which the Cor-  
20 poration is entitled pursuant to the Agreement be-  
21 tween the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and the  
22 United States of America dated August 9, 1983.

23 (b) CANYON VILLAGE.—

24                 (1) CONVEYANCE.—

1                         (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
2                         convey to Kian Tr'ee Corporation, for the Na-  
3                         tive Village of Canyon Village, the surface es-  
4                         tate in the land selected by the Kian Tr'ee Cor-  
5                         poration pursuant to section 14(h)(2) of the  
6                         Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43  
7                         U.S.C. 1613(h)(2)).

8                         (B) APPLICATION.—Section 2653.3(c) of  
9                         title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (or suc-  
10                         cessor regulations), shall not apply to the con-  
11                         veyance under subparagraph (A).

12                         (2) LIMITATION.—The conveyance under para-  
13                         graph (1)(A) shall not exceed 6,400 acres.

14                         (3) SUBSURFACE ESTATE.—

15                         (A) IN GENERAL.—Unless Doyon, Limited,  
16                         elects to receive conveyance under subpara-  
17                         graph (B), the Secretary shall convey to Doyon,  
18                         Limited, the subsurface estate in the land con-  
19                         veyed under paragraph (1)(A).

20                         (B) ALTERNATE SELECTION.—At the op-  
21                         tion of Doyon, Limited, in lieu of accepting the  
22                         conveyance under subparagraph (A)—

23                         (i) Doyon, Limited, may receive a con-  
24                         veyance from existing selections on land  
25                         withdrawn pursuant to section 11(a)(3) of

1                   the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act  
2                   (43 U.S.C. 1610(a)(3)) that is equal in  
3                   acreage to the subsurface that would oth-  
4                   erwise be conveyed under subparagraph  
5                   (A);

6                         (ii) Doyon, Limited, shall notify the  
7                   Secretary (acting through the Alaska State  
8                   Office of the Bureau of Land Manage-  
9                   ment) of the preference of Doyon, Limited,  
10                  not later than 90 days after the date of en-  
11                  actment of this Act; and

12                         (iii) the Secretary shall convey to  
13                   Doyon, Limited, the subsurface estate se-  
14                   lected under clause (i).

15                 (c) DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.—In this section, the  
16                  term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

